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Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action, dated September 21, 2001, and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.111, please consider the remarks below in connection with the above-identified patent application. Applicants submit concurrently herewith (a) a Declaration of the Inventors under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131, accompanied by Exhibit A and (b) a Petition for Extension of Time for three (3) months from December 21, 2001 up to and including March 21, 2002 with the appropriate fee.

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 22-26 will be pending upon entry of this Reply. Applicants ask the Examiner to please consider the remarks below in connection with the above-identified patent application.